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ROBERT EDGRENJOHNSON IS WELL TRAINED  
AND, WITH HIS OLD SKILL,  
IS ANYTHING BUT WRECK

The Champion Is a Trifle More Burly Than He Was When He Whipped Jeffries, but He Has No Paunch and Is in Fighting Condition, as He Proved by His Stiff Workouts With Several Powerful Sparring Partners.

BY ROBERT EDGREN.

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AT this moment the island of Cuba is the boxing centre of the universe. I came in by steamer at noon. From away out in the stream we could see that there was some sort of excitement on the wharf. A large crowd was waiting, and the crowd was moving, away, shifting from place to place. As the tug nosed us slowly in toward the dock the cause of all the furor became clear. At one end of the dock, towering head and shoulders above the pushing, jostling throng, stood the unmistakable figure of Jess Willard, looking more gigantic than ever in a light-gray summer suit. It was raining, but that didn't drive any one under cover as long as Willard was there to look at.

Down at the other end of the dock was another knot of excited spectators, and as we came closer still I could see the golden smile of Jack Johnson turned up toward me. Jack was nearly clad in a close-fitting brown suit, a white Panama hat, and carried an ivory-headed cane. As the steamer came to a stop three uniformed men began to close a sliding door just behind Johnson. Evidently Jack didn't want to have his retreat cut off. He reached out with one huge paw, and, grasping the edge of the door, held it open. The three uniformed men turned around, indignation writ large upon them, burst into voluble Spanish, saw who was holding the door, and apologized. Johnson smiled his golden smile. Hardly had we actually stopped before Willard was on the upper deck shaking hands. Big Jess was rightly named. He looked as big as a tall pine tree. And although he stood to 240 pounds, his face was so lean and hard that his cheek bones stood out in relief like an Indian's. Feeling fit, Willard was, and quite anxious to have us drop in and see his training, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Down on the dock I found that Jack Johnson's presence was due to a desire to extend a personal invitation of a similar nature. Every one knows that Jess Willard is in shape. We've been hearing all about him from Juarez. And there have been many conflicting reports about Johnson. So Johnson's camp drew my attention first.

## Johnson Not Worrying.

All the way out in the official cat Jack Johnson joked and laughed, in the most cheerful humor in the world. He isn't worrying over anything—what's evident. Bob Armstrong had come down on the same boat, and Bob entertained the champion with tales of his prowess as a sailor. He had stayed in his berth all the time except when called to meals. Even seasickness couldn't separate Bob from the "bats." He always ate, and then rushed back to the berth to "save his meals" before "that dizzy feeling" had time to overcome him. Johnson admitted that as a sailor Bob had him beaten.

The Johnson domicile is on the outskirts of Havana, in that sequestered known as Vedado. There he has a large house, with a kitchen that is his pride and joy. Jack is his own cook. His hobby is cooking, and he swears that he's at least the equal of any chef that ever lived. His training place is in the Stadium, a large circular wooden structure recently erected to hold fights in.

## Johnson Has Plenty of Partners

Only waiting for Johnson to brew a cup of tea, we went to the stadium where he trains at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

In a few minutes the champion was stripped for action, ready to take on any of the half a dozen American fighters training there. His staff consisted of Colin Bell of Australia, Dave Mills, who was with him at Reno; a youthful scrapper from the South called by the picturesque title "Steamboat Bill"; and Bob Armstrong and Sam McVey—the last two acting as message artists.

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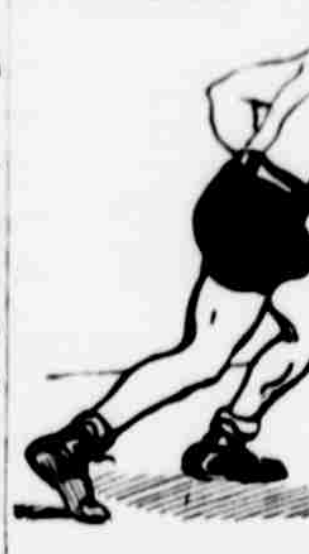
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caught Colin's arms with extended gloves, pulled him in as a great backswing might inflict a blow in his tentacles, and then amused himself by holding the strong Australian helpless, pushing him away, dragging him back, felling his blows, lifting him off balance. When weary of this he'd shove Bell away, and Colin would come tearing back again to slug some more.

## Johnson Not Puffing at Finish.

Several silk-batted Americans and Cubans came in during the bout accompanied by ladies. Just after this Steamboat Bill had his turn. Steamboat Bill was willing. He ripped and beat off with long, raking uppercuts. A little of this sufficed, and the day's work was over.

At the finish Johnson wasn't puffing. He looked as good as ever, a slight thickness of wind by being somewhat brief in his remarks. Stretched on the rubbing table he hardened up his muscles to show that he really wasn't more than half an inch or so of fat, and Armstrong and McVey groaned him with some liquid from a tub and gave him a strenuous kneading and rubbing down.

## Armstrong Picks Johnson.

"That man carries my money," said Armstrong. "If he don't win this fight I'll sure be willing to swim back home, and I ain't much of a swimmer. Yassuh, if Johnson's beat and he's as good as they are, I'll be a big hunk yellow colored fighter." Johnson New Orleans had a good deal of hand. Several times during his bout he managed to swing one squarely on the champion's chin. Those blows seemed to stagger him not in the least, for each time Johnson's head bounced off the famous golden smile broke out where the glove had just struck.

## Johnson Shows His Old Skill.

All of Johnson's old skill showed. His eye was as quick and sure as ever, and he was full of the old "kick" that always helped him as much as the blows he struck. Mills, who was with him at Reno; a youthful scrapper from the South called by the picturesque title "Steamboat Bill"; and Bob Armstrong and Sam McVey—the last two acting as message artists.

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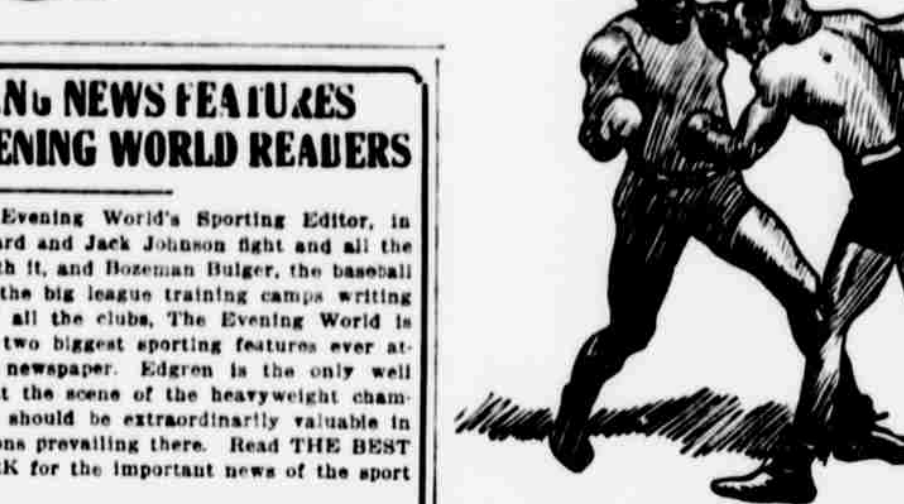
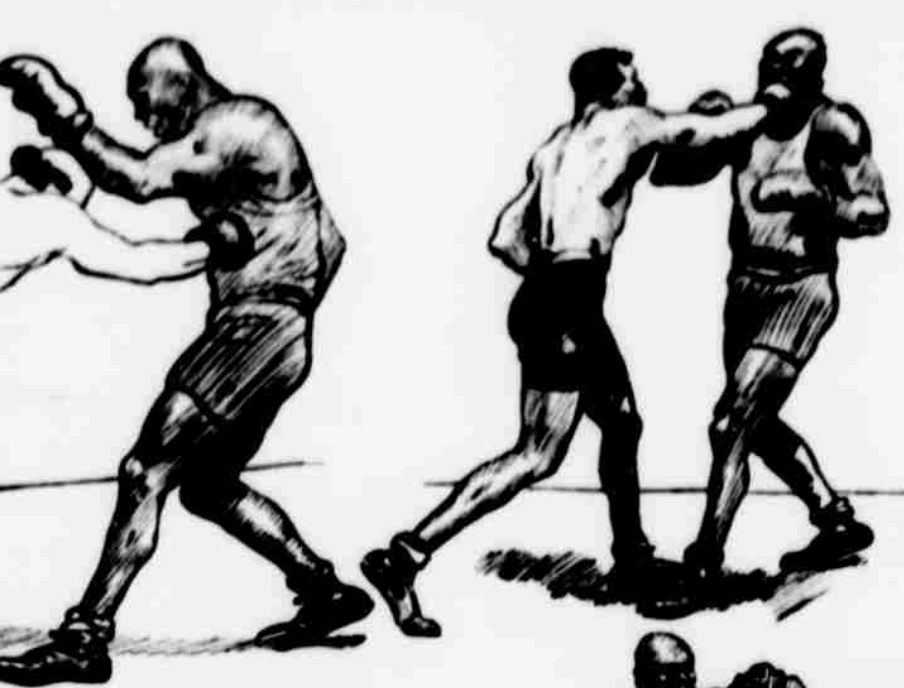
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First Sketches From Havana, Where Big Ring Battle Will Be Fought One Week From Monday.

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age, the veteran; Red McKee, who has been with the club two or three years, and Archie Yelle and Peters, newcomers. Jennings will keep but one of these recruits, and right now Peters appears to be favorite.

In the line-up of the Tigers there is another outsider quite familiar to New Yorkers. The new man is "Big Jeff" Jacobson, who was twice tried by McGraw. The Giant manager always liked Jacobson, but couldn't find a place for him, so he let him go to Mobile and Chattanooga, where the Tigers finally grabbed him. Jacobson is as big as Jeff Tereau and, for a giant, is a remarkably fast runner. He was also runner-up for the hitting championship of the Southern League. It will not be surprising if Jennings gives him a chance as a regular before the season is far under way. If Jacobson can hit as well in fast company as he did in Chattanooga, Jennings will have the hardest hitting outfield that baseball has ever seen. The other two—Cobb and Crawford—are quick swatters.

Old Jim McGuire, now serving his thirty-second year in baseball, and Jimmy Burke, another former big league star, are here assisting Jennings in getting the Tigers in shape.

"It's as good a looking team as I have seen," says McGuire. "But I've been around too long to be making predictions about pennants. I suppose you'd better ask the Boston Braves what they think about the Tigers."

The ten-round bout between Sam Langford and Betting Jim Johnson, the colored heavyweight, which was slated to be fought at the Madison Square Garden, New York City, on Tuesday night, has been postponed until April 6 so as to give both fighters more time in which to condition themselves for the battle.

George "Knockout" Brown, the Chicago middleweight, and Young Alomar, the seasonal local fighter, have been engaged to meet in a ten-round battle at the Broadway Sporting Club of Brooklyn on Tuesday evening, April 13. This will be Brown's first appearance in this city in over two years.

It is almost an assured fact that Mike Gibson and Eddie McKeever will back up in an other ten-round battle in the same place. The promoter of the battle, Mike Gibson, has signed up to meet McGuire in a ten-round contest there on the night of April 26. As McGuire is anxious for a return fight with Gibson he will lose no time in accepting the match.

The following club will stage boxing shows and bouts: Fairmont A. C., Kokoona Kid vs. Mike Smith; New York A. C., former amateur boxing champion; Broadway Sporting Club, Young McKeever vs. Betting Jim Johnson; Irving A. C., Quabod Smith vs. Jack Reed; Federal A. C., Young Brown vs. Al Thomas; Sharkey A. C., Frankie Daly vs. Young Britton.

Another bunch of fighters are on their way to Havana, Cuba, some of them bound for fights there, while the others are going to witness the championship fight between Willard and Johnson. On the boat which sailed on Tuesday were Betting Jim Johnson, "Kid" Albert, Jimmie Frazier, Dick Smith and the New All-McGraw.

Barry Hill, the ex-amateur lightweight champion, is the latest boxer after Champion Willard's crown. Hill thinks that he has had enough experience now in the ranks of the "pros" to tackle the Baltimore boxer. Hill is boxing Mike Miller of Hoboken at the Olympic A. C. on Tuesday night, while Young Alomar is meeting Harry Brown of the Bronx, and Harry Brown is meeting Eddie Clark at the same place on Tuesday night.

Johnny Drummie, the Jersey City lightweight, and Young Hector, another Jersey, will be the principals in the star bout of ten rounds at the close of the New York season. A. C. on Tuesday night. Young Alomar of Jersey City and Young Brown will clash in the semifinal.

As Bob Armstrong has gone to Havana, Cuba, to help Jack Johnson get into condition, Billy Gibson has engaged Joe Zettle, the colored fighter, to train and box with Johnson for his coming fight with "One Round" Dave on Tuesday night at the Fairmont A. C. and Carl Morris at the Stadium A. C. on April 7.

Bob McKeever, the older California light

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By Illness of First Baseman

Appendicitis Operation on Burns Will Keep Him Out of Game Until June 1, Forcing Jennings to Experiment With New Men  
Meanwhile—Cobb Fights Hard to Master Everything, and That's Secret of His Success.

By Bozeman Bulger.  
XI.—BIG LEAGUE PENNANT HOPE SERIES.  
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GULFPORT, Miss., March 27.—Instead of being the runner-up in the American League, as everybody was on the point of predicting a week ago, it is a rather gloomy prospect that faces the Detroit Tigers to-day. It looks impossible to knock them out of the first division, but with the bad start, which seems inevitable, they may blow their chances for the flag.

George Burns, who beat Gainer and other stars out of the first base job a year ago, is laid up in a New Orleans hospital recovering from an operation for appendicitis. It is likely that he will be able to play before June 1. It is a peculiar coincidence, incidentally, that the two George Burns of baseball—one in the National and the other in the American League—should fall heir to such misfortune. The George Burns of the Giants is still nursing a bad sprained and dislocated ankle that will keep him off the diamond almost as long as the Detroit Burns.

But for the illness of Burns, Huxley Jennings would have succeeded in putting together what many regard as the best infield in the country. This combination was arranged by Burns, Young or Hot, Burns and Moriarty. Since it cannot be that way at the start of the season, Jennings has begun a readjustment of things without a whimper. Kavanagh, his star at short or second, has been moved over to first base and a practice game I saw here in the morning, and if I don't make that last hole in six—the one I dubbed yesterday—I'll stake you to a new hat." No, I didn't get the hat.

There is more nervous energy in Ty Cobb than in a dozen ordinary athletes.

"The way he fights to win everything, he starts at," said Jennings. "I would kill an ordinary man. Look at him over there." There are two pet monkeys in the hotel grounds, and Cobb was betting Moriarty, Bush and Harry Faithful that he could persuade one of the rather frightened "monkeys" to sit on his shoulder. And he stood there and did it too before he would go into dinner.

But getting back to that combination with which Jennings expected to win the pennant, he says the whole thing depends upon his pitching staff. As a foundation on which to build the team, he has selected George Daues, Harry Fawcett, George Gurnea, Harry Coveleskie, the former Giant killer; Cavet and Boehler. The first four ought to be enough to carry a team, but Jennings has picked up three very good youngsters in Cunningham of Duluth, Richards from Topeka, and Smithson.

I don't know what to make of "Boehler," admitted Jennings. "I know I had him last year but could never depend on him on account of his wildness. He has everything in the world a pitcher needs but control. I think it is due to the fact that he tries to use two or three kinds of deliveries and has not mastered any of them. I am going to keep him this year and will try and teach him an overhand movement. If he ever gets control Boehler will be a wonder, and it is well worth holding on to him until he gets by or I am certain that he is hopeless.

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